Bringing the All India Financial Institutions with in the purview of CAG

2016. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to bring the all India financial institutions within the purview of Comptroller and Auditor General of India;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal;

(c) whether Industrial and Financial Corporation Act of 1948; the Industrial Development Bank of India Act. 1964; the Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India Act, 1984 and the Unit Trust of India Act, 1964 would have to be suitably amended for the purpose; and

(d) if so, whether a Bill to this effect would be brought during the current Budget Session of Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (d) In accordance with the provisions of the statutes governing the public financial institutions such as Industrial Development Bank of India, Industrial Finance Corporation of India, Unit Trust of India, their accounts are to be audited by the auditors who are qualified to act as Auditors of a Company under the Companies Act, 1956. These Auditors are appointed by the institutions with the approval/consultation of the Government. The panels for appointment of these Auditors are prepared on the recommendations of a Standing Advisory Committee set up in the Reserve Bank of India RBI. Representatives of the Government and Comptroller & Auditor General of India (C&AG) are also members of this Committee. The desirability of bringing the public financial institutions and public sector banks within the purview of C&AG is being examined in consultation with Reserve Bank of India.

Port based steel plant in Orissa

2017. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a port-based steel plant at Paradeep in Orissa;

(b) whether the steel plant is proposed to be set up during the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken so far to implement the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) to (c) While there is no proposal to set up a steel plant at Paradeep, there is a proposal to set up a plant at Daitari in Orissa State. However, the outcome of the roposal would depend on the finalisation of the 8th Plan.

Penalty to informers for unsuccessful FERA raids

2018. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to introduce penalty for informers on whose information unsuccessful raids are conducted either for income tax violation or for FERA violation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to introduce such penalties to avoid unnecessary harasment to innocent citizens?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) No, Sir. However precautions against wilful, malicious and false informations are taken.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.